# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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ISSUANCE OF NOTICES TO PHARMA COMPANIES BY DGFT
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether DGFT have issued notices to various pharma companies which have imported Pen-G (Penicillin-G) from unregistered sources;

(b) the names of all the companies which have imported Pen-G from unregistered sources;

(c) the details of licences issued, quantity imported and custom duty paid by these companies;

(d) whether these companies have violated the foreign trade act and are liable for prosecution; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government against such companies?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (e) As per provisions of Foreign Trade Policy Circular No. 9 dated 30.6.2003, as amended from time to time, the exporters have been allowed to import drugs, including Pen-G from unregistered sources subject to certain conditions. In case of violation of conditions, penal action is taken under Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, and the Customs Act, 1962.